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 TEAM: the CIA and its
 Allies in CONTROL OF
 the U.S. AND the World

PROUTY, Fletcher. *The Secret Team: the CIA and Its Allies in Control of the United States and the World*. 516p. Prentice-Hall. Apr. 1973. \$10. LC 72-13361.

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 This book is at its best when it details CIA secret operations, with which the author is familiar. The poorer, and most extensive, portions are those in which he laboriously, and with annoying repetition, explains why he feels the CIA has greatly exceeded its legal authority by conducting secret operations. He also faults the lack of quality intelligence analysis. Prouty claims that friends of this agency have been planted in other federal agencies and the military to ensure that CIA gets its way. He maintains that Presidents have been led into major

blunders by this practice and cites especially the Kennedy move to counter-insurgency warfare in Southeast Asia. The military bias of the former Air Force colonel shows as he attacks the civilian agency, claiming that Ellsberg's leaking of the Pentagon Papers was a CIA plot to make the military look bad. A spotty, but interesting book. --George H. Siehl, *Library of Congress*

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